

are prepared to organise school hangi's to fundraise for miniball/basketball uniforms.

Early next term pink notices will be sent home gaining consent and permission for participation.

### Community Assembly

Please join the school in our end of term Community Assembly on Friday 12 July at 1.30pm.

### Fundraising

Families will receive five Batons Up tickets for sale over the next four weeks. Tickets cost \$20 with 23 cash prizes. The draw will take place at the Waitomo Rugby Pavilion on Friday 16 August at 6.30pm. There will be a raffle wheel followed by supper.

This fundraising will help contribute towards the costs of the up and coming ski day trips in Term 3.

### Junior Class Support

Our sincere thanks to the parent helpers who regularly joined the junior class to support the literacy programmes for our Year 1 & 2 students.

### Art Day

Early next term there is a whole school art focus on dyeing. We have some materials available to dye however we will require all students to bring along a white t-shirt for their final masterpiece. Please utilise the holiday period to fit your child/children in a suitable size white cotton top ready to bring along to school when needed.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

8 July	Report evening
9-12 July	NZPF Conference – Tamae
12 July	Community Assembly
12 July	End of Term 2
13 July	Soccer closing day tournament
29 July	Term 3 begins
5 August	Kick-start classes resume

Happy holidays everyone. See you all again in Term 3 refreshed and ready to go!

Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Two 2013

Week Nine – 5 July

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

After publishing the last newsletter we received the results for the Aria Orienteering Day. Congratulations to the Year 4 team who finished the course in first place with a team average time of 74min 67sec. A fantastic achievement as there were 75 teams from 15 schools of 450 competitors from Years 4 to 8.

Congratulations to the overall individual place getters in the Year 4 section, Maddison Gray 3<sup>rd</sup>, Siân Dimond 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Vickie for providing transport and this photo.



Champions:  
Siân, Kyah, Maddison,  
Max, Nikhil and Tame.

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## **Interim Progress Reports**

Parents and caregivers have received their child/children's mid-year report. The report comments and grades are based on assessment data used to monitor your child's progress and achievement so far. We have reported your child's progress against the National Standards, overall teacher judgements and the expectations at their Year Level or time spent at school.

## **Learning Conferences**

Thank you to those who have returned their pink forms regarding Monday's parent meetings.

There is a parent meeting planned for Monday 8 July regarding reports. Staff will be available on this evening in Kauri class from 5.30pm to have a follow up session with parents regarding reports. Discussing reports is useful when looking at your child's progress and achievement.

## **School's Internet Service Provider**

We have changed our internet service provider to Wireless Nation who have activated our fairly recent fibre drop by providing high speed broadband. Another positive is that we are now able to support the Waitomo Village with faster internet.

With all the support we have received from our local businesses over the years it is now exciting to be able to help in this way. Through the school, Ministry of Education, and Wireless Nation we can now access high speed broadband in the village.

## **Soccer**

Good luck Waitomo Destroyers who play in the finals tomorrow against Rangitoto. All teams, play well and play hard tomorrow to conclude the competition games for 2013. On Saturday 13 July all teams will be involved in the closing day tournament. The closing day draw will be distributed on the day and it is likely all teams will have three or four games throughout the morning. Players will need to assemble by 9.00am at the soccer fields.

Following the closing day tournament we will have a 'break up' as done in previous years. Players are asked to bring \$2 to school before Saturday, which will contribute to our fish and chip shared kai.

As always we welcome Nate and Huiarangi Kenny-Falwasser from Tahaaroa who have played for a school team over the past three years.

They have been an asset on the soccer field and we look forward to them playing for Waitomo again next year.

It was wonderful to have Kio Kio Chiefs come to Waitomo on Wednesday to play the Wild Cats. It was a great game and well supported. The Otorohanga Golden Eagles are coming to Waitomo on Tuesday for a match after school with the Wild Cats. Come along and enjoy the fun.



At the recent NKCJF meeting regarding affiliation with the WaiBOP football association, decisions were made in favour of a trial affiliation of the two junior grades in 2014. Waitomo Caves voted against affiliation and several schools, including ours, shared their concerns about how this may financially affect us. The solution to this was for NKCJF to pay all affiliation fees for these two grades in 2014. After the 2014 season NKCJF will review the affiliation package and junior platform. Schools and coaches will have the opportunity to provide feedback on this.

Affiliating with a regional/national body has been on the agenda for about 10 years. The ups and downs have been well considered by many people over this period. Committee members are excited to be able to move forward with the decision to affiliate, and also have the right to review.

## **Hockey**

Congratulations to the hockey teams Annihilators and Glow-Stix for playing well in the weekly Te Kuiti competition. Players have developed their skills and showed great improvement over the weeks of training and game time. Thank you to Bianca Hansen from Pukenui School for playing in the Intermediate Annihilator team, as well as some of the Junior grade team players.

Special thanks to James Batger and Jamie Cameron for training and coaching the teams, and parents for supporting these players.

## **Miniball**

Usually during the holidays notification is received regarding the miniball/basketball season which begins in week 2 or 3 of Term 3. The grades involve Years 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8 players. Games are on weekdays after school in Te Kuiti. Please begin discussions with your child/children about whether they wish to play for a school team. Myke and Steve have indicated their availability to coach and